FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE BENNETT LETTERS.

"Frank Bennett was a bricklayer from Lancashire, England who first contacted Crowley in 1910 E.V. After emigrating to Australia, he became the country's first O.T.O. Grand Secretary General, and in 1921 E.V. became National Grand Master General X°." - Hymenaeus Beta, The Magical Link.

ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS

Agape Lodge
138 13th Street
North Vancouver
March 30th 1920 E.V.

V.I. Sir Knight Frank Bennett
15 Emmett Street
North Sydney

Dear Brother,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Your letter of Feb. 7th just received and I hasten to reply so that it may catch the outgoing Niagra on her return trip.

The Right Worshipful Master and Brethren of this Lodge will be most glad to welcome Bro. Ross on his arrival from his distant home.

In respect of his meeting Frater V.I.O., I am sorry to say that he will have to travel somewhat further to do that as he is not at present in Vancouver. It is also unfortunate that our R.W.M. who is also a Brother of the Illustrious Order of A..A.. will not be here to welcome him, as he is leaving us in a few days to join Frater U.I.O. (sic) in connection with the Work, for an indefinite period.

In the matter of his meeting our Holy Father it may be a little difficult as the last news we had of him, stated that he was in retirement somewhere in France. As however this was two or three months ago he may by the time Bro Ross gets here have returned to America. There might also be some difficulty in procuring an interview with so Illustrious a Being.

However Frater V.P.O.V. our R.W.M. will carry news of Bro. Ross's intentions and on his arrival here we shall doubtless have some communication for him.

I trust that the Work is progressing well with you. We at the moment are busy as we are putting a candidate through to the 3° to night and to morrow night, he having arrived unexpectedly from a 400 mile journey for the purpose.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally yours in the Bonds of the Order.

E.S. Talbot Smith V°

Provincial Grand Secretary General.

Villa Santa Barbara,
Cefalu, Sicily, May 7, 1920

Very Illustrious and very dear brother,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I was very glad to have your letter of February 7. The above will be my address for the next year. I hppe Brother Ross will come and see me personally. I am in a sort of retirement which I intend tom make permanent; but I want all the people who are anxious to devote themselves to the Great Work to use my centre as a place of operation. The conditions are id4eal in all respects. I may probably move on to Algeria for a final retirement next year. I expect to go and look for a centre some time during June.

Love is the law, love under will.

With our paternal benediction,

Yours, in the Bonds of the order,

Baphomet X° O.T.O. I.I. & t O.B.

P.S. I notice you say that you have some money on hand. You were very wise not to send it to America with the price of the dollar what it is. You could however send it to me direct by buying a draft on Palermo, Banca Commerciale Italiania, as the lire is very cheap. I want to establish a printing press as soon as funds are available.

Villa Santa Barbara
Cefalu, Sicily,
Sept. 5, 1920

Very Illustrious and very dear brother,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

We want to thank you very much for yours of July 16, enclosing draft for twenty pounds. We hope to have a printing press in working order here by this time next year, at the latest: but it is very difficult indeed to get anything whatever done these days. However, all publicity work must necessarily wait over until we have our own outfit. We suggest that your temple should arrange to send one of its members, yourself or anyone else that may seem good to you, to be our guest for a time. It would be very useful to you to have someone on hand who was familiar with the actual work first hand. The written word is in many respects defective; and what everyone most wants, especially in the beginning, is regular drill. Please convey Our paternal benedictions to all Men of Will.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours, in the bonds of the Order,

Baphomet X° O.T.O. I.I. & t O.B.

COLLEGIUM ad SPIRITUM SANCTUM,
CEFALU, SICILY, Dec. 18, 1920.

Very Illustrious and very dear Brother,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

We regret not to have heard recently from you, but no doubt at least three months must elapse between sending letters and receiving the answers, given even the luckiest correspondence of steamers.
We write you again in the following circumstances. Publication of Equinox Vol. 3, No 2, which contains such important publications as Liber VII, XXI, DCCCLXXX,was held up by the failure of certain individuals to meet their financial obligations and we have not, until now, been able to resume the duty of issuing that mumber. The sum of $1500 is necessary to do this, and we have no hesitation in asking you to assist us to the utmost of your power. The continuity of the Work before the public is of the utmost importance, if only as evidence of our vitality. The temporary rupture in the regularity of our publication has been the source of greatest distress and humiliation to us.

You will, in any case receive 25 copies or more, if you have need of them, as soon as we are able to get them from the binder.

You will join us in regretting that the price of the Equinox has had to be so largely increased, but it has always been a point of honour with us to make our publications physically worthy of their contents. The effect of the war has been to increase the price of material and labour to an enormous extent and this is especially noticed in the higher grades of production. Equinox 3-1 cost over $6 per copy for printing and binding alone, yet we had to sell it at a price which left no margin for the other costs of production and such things as Book-seller's discounts. We mention this, in case it should be necessary to explain existing circumstances to intending purchasers.

The money has to be paid in America and it would therefore be best for you to send any contributions in the form of a draft on a bank in Detroit, Michigan, to Sir C. Stansfield Jones, Apt. 11, 307 (1515) Howard St., stating the purpose for which the funds are to be applied, and the number of copies which you would like sent to you. With regard to pre-war publications, we can more conveniently supply you from our London stock. We have everything with the exception of 777. This book, (by the way) is being revised and we hope to re-issue it in a more convenient form and an early number of the Equinox.

I am at present concentrating my efforts upon re-issuing The Book of the Law with a new and more adequate Comment. Many new and most wonderful mysteries have been discovered, many of them due to the Understanding of Frater O.I.V.V.I.C., We hope to hear from you at the earliest possible moment in reply to this and also previous correspondence.

Love is the law, love under will.
Yours in the bonds of the Order,

Baphomet X° O.T.O.
I.I. ☉t O.B.